

**Amendment to the Specification**

Please add the following new paragraph at page 2, line 1, before the “Technical Field and Industrial Applicability of the Invention” section:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/055,154, filed October 26, 2001, entitled “Superabsorbent Water-Resistant Coatings for Fiber-Reinforced Articles” which is a divisional of U.S. Patent 6,380,298, filed November 13, 1998, entitled “Superabsorbent Water-Resistant Coatings for Fiber-Reinforced Articles” all of which and incorporated by reference in their entirety.